

REMARKS

I. Introduction

With the cancellation herein without prejudice of claim 42 and the addition of new claim 56, claims 1 to 41, 43 to 51 and 56 are pending in the present application. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

II. Statement of Substance of Personal Interview

As an initial matter, Applicants note with appreciation the courtesies extended by Examiner Nguyen during the course of the personal interview conducted on August 2, 2005 with Michael Hack, one of the inventors hereof, and Applicants' representative, Clifford Ulrich (Reg. No. 42,194).

During the course of the interview, no exhibit was shown, and no demonstration was conducted.

During the course of the interview, claim 1 was discussed.

During the course of the interview, U.S. Patent No. 6,311,076 ("Peuhu et al.") and U.S. Patent No. 6,384,804 ("Dodabalapur et al.") were discussed.

During the course of the interview, the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed included: (1) a recitation in claim 1 that a display of the display communications device is flexible; (2) a recitation in claim 1 that the display includes a plurality of organic light emitting devices (OLEDs); and (3) a recitation in claim 1 that the display is rollable into the interior of a housing of the display communications device, wound more than one complete revolution upon itself.

During the course of the interview, the general thrust of the principal arguments of the Applicants included: (1) the lack of disclosure by Peuhu et al. of a flexible display that includes a plurality of organic light emitting devices; (2) the lack of disclosure by Dodabalapur et al. of a flexible display that includes a plurality of organic light emitting devices; (3) the lack of a motivation to combine Peuhu et al. and Dodabalapur et al.; and (4) the lack of disclosure by Peuhu et al. or Dodabalapur et al. of a flexible display that is rollable into the interior of a housing, wound more than a complete revolution upon itself.

The general result of the interview was that it was generally agreed that the applied references do not appear to disclose a flexible display that is rollable into the interior of a housing, wound more than one complete revolution upon itself.

Attached are copies of email communications between Examiner Nguyen and Applicants' representative, Clifford Ulrich, dated August 1, 2005 and August 4, 2005.

III. Rejection of Claims 1, 4, 5, 18, 19 and 25 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1, 4, 5, 18, 19 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Peuhu et al. It is respectfully submitted that Peuhu et al. do not anticipate the present claims as amended herein for at least the following reasons.

As an initial matter, the Examiner will note that claim 1 has been amended herein without prejudice to recite that a display of a display communications device is flexible. Support for this amendment may be found, for example, on page 12, lines 1 to 2 of the Specification. Claim 1 has also been amended herein without prejudice to recite that the flexible display includes a flexible substrate, an active-matrix backplane arranged on the flexible substrate, and a plurality of organic light emitting devices (OLEDs) arranged on the active-matrix backplane. Support for this amendment may be found, for example, on page 12, lines 3 to 15 and page 14, lines 15 to 22. Claim 1 has been further amended herein without prejudice to recite that the display is rollable into the interior of a housing, wound more than one complete revolution upon itself. Support for this amendment may be found, for example, on page 12, line 21 to 26 to page 13, line 19 of the Specification and in Figures 3A, 3B and 3C.

As discussed during the course of the interview, Peuhu et al. fail to disclose, or even suggest, that a flexible display is rollable into the interior of a housing, wound more than one complete revolution upon itself. Rather, as plainly illustrated in Figure 3, the display 9 described by Peuhu et al. is rolled around less than one full revolution, and as plainly illustrated in Figure 9, the display 27 described by Peuhu et al. is rolled around less than one-half revolution. Accordingly, Peuhu et al. fail to disclose, or even suggest, that a flexible display of a display communications device is rollable into the interior of a housing, wound **more than one complete revolution upon itself**. As such, it is respectfully submitted that Peuhu et al. do not anticipate amended claim 1.

In addition to the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that none of the references relied upon disclose, or even suggest, that a flexible display of a display communications device that is rollable into the interior of a housing, wound more than one complete revolution upon itself, includes a flexible substrate, an active-matrix backplane arranged on the flexible substrate, and a plurality of organic light emitting devices arranged on the active-matrix backplane. As such, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 as amended herein is patentable for at least this additional reason.

As for claims 4, 5, 18, 19 and 25, which ultimately depend from claim 1 and therefore include all of the features recited in claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that these dependent claims are patentable for at least the same reasons more fully set forth above in support of the patentability of claim 1.

In view of all of the foregoing, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

IV. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

As regards the numerous rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), all of the claims rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) are dependent claims that ultimately depend from claim 1, and all of these rejections are based at least in part on Peuhu et al. As more fully set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is patentable over the references relied upon. As such, it is respectfully submitted that all of the dependent claims that depend from claim 1 are patentable over the references relied upon for at least the same reasons more fully set forth in support of the patentability of claim 1. Withdrawal of all of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is therefore respectfully submitted.

In addition to the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections of claims 24, 33, 38 and 39 should be withdrawn for the following additional reasons.

As regards claims 24, 38 and 39, which were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based in part on U.S. Patent No. 6,778,180, U.S. Patent No. 6,778,180 issued on **August 17, 2004** from U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/967,833, filed on **September 28, 2001**. Since the "Second Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131" submitted on March 24, 2005 established conception of the subject matter of the present application prior to **September 7, 2001** and sufficient diligence from prior to

September 7, 2001 to the December 21, 2001 filing date of the present application, it is respectfully submitted that U.S. Patent No. 6,778,180 does not constitute prior art against the present application. Accordingly, the rejections of claims 24, 38 and 39 should be withdrawn for this additional reason.

As regards claim 33, which was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over the combination of Peuhu et al. and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0078082, the Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to page 3 of the "Response" submitted on March 24, 2005, which sets forth that U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0078082 does not constitute prior art against the present application for at least the reason that U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0078082 was published on **April 24, 2003** based on U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/015,176, filed on **October 22, 2001**. Accordingly, the rejection of claim 33 should be withdrawn for this additional reason.

In view of all of the following, withdrawal of all of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is respectfully requested.

V. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter contained in claims 15 to 17. In this regard, the Examiner will note that claim 15 has been rewritten herein in independent form to include all of the features of its base claim, i.e., claim 1 as previously presented. It is therefore respectfully submitted that claim 15 is in condition for immediate allowance. Since claims 16 and 17 depend from claim 15, it is respectfully submitted that claims 16 and 17 are also in condition for immediate allowance.

VI. New Claim 56

New claim 56 has been added herein. It is respectfully submitted that new claim 56 adds no new matter and is fully supported by the present application, including the Specification. Claim 56 includes the feature that a flexible display of a display communications device is rollable into the interior of a housing, wound more than one complete revolution upon itself. As more fully set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that none of the references relied upon disclose, or even suggest, such a flexible display. It is respectfully submitted that claim 56 is patentable over the references relied upon for at least this reason.

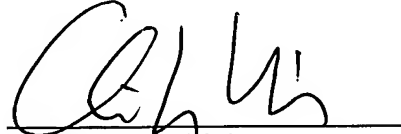
VII. Conclusion

It is therefore respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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